

SONORA SECEDES; FORMS REPUBLIC

Congress at Hermosillo Proclaims Governor de la Huerta Supreme Power

SECESSION WAVE SPREADS

Nogales, Sonora, April 12.—Customs houses and all property of the federal government of Mexico were formally seized in the name of the "republic of Sonora" here yesterday.

General Plank, recently discharged as commandant of the federal fiscal guard, with headquarters at Magdalena, arrived here last night and turned over other federal property to the state of Sonora.

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Word from Sinaloa says the Congress of that state has endorsed the action of the Sonora Congress in demanding its constitutional rights against an invasion by federal forces.

Sonora state officials, headed by Governor Adolfo de la Huerta, governor of Sonora, who has been proclaimed "supreme power of the republic of Sonora" by the state congress, declared yesterday while the state of Sonora is still in the process of being organized, it would return to the Mexican republic upon guarantees from the national administration that they would be no infringement of the state's rights by the federal government.

The secession, according to the officials, was brought about by Carranza ordering federal troops into the state. They said the next move was up to Carranza. Unless he acts, political leaders of Sonora said, the new republic would defy the Mexican federal government and resist with armed forces any attempt of Carranza to take back the state by force.

General Polias Calles, former governor of Sonora, and who recently resigned from the Carranza cabinet, has been made supreme military commander of the state's military forces. Calles has issued a proclamation calling on all volunteers and calling on all soldiers in the state to rally against any threatened invasion by Carranza forces.

Spread of the secession movement to other states unless the Mexican Government acts quickly was forecast here yesterday. The Sinaloa state congress, according to information received here, has endorsed the action of the Sonora congress in demanding constitutional rights, and Lower California, according to these reports, is expected to do the same. Sinaloa politics are closely interwoven with Sonora's and both states are largely controlled by General Alvaro Obregon.

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SULLE DIVERGENZE ANGLO-FRANCESI

La Francia Vuol Proteggersi per la Violazione del Trattato di Versailles

Parigi, 12 aprile.—Nel circolo politico di questa città si afferma che il Presidente del Consiglio Millerand sia determinato ad obbligare Lloyd George ad una esplicita dichiarazione intorno agli atti in effetti, sembra probabile che possa verificarsi un dissidio nella relazione diplomatica tra Francia ed Inghilterra.

Dal risultato della Conferenza dipenderà il futuro dell'Intesa. Infatti eccetto che i due Primi Ministri di Francia ed Inghilterra non modificano i loro punti di vista intorno alla questione tedesca, sembra probabile che possa verificarsi un dissidio nella relazione diplomatica tra Francia ed Inghilterra.

Malgrado che ufficialmente siano state fatte dichiarazioni per dimostrare che divergenze di opinioni non esistono tra Francia ed Inghilterra, la divergenza esiste e fonda su questo punto del trattato di Versailles, specialmente per quanto riflette l'effettuazione di esso.

Inghilterra vuole che tutte le clausole del trattato siano effettuate da tutte le nazioni dell'Intesa insieme e dichiara che in qualsiasi altro caso si ritirerà dalla partecipazione militare per la effettuazione del trattato.

La Francia, mentre si desidera di avere l'appoggio delle sue Alleate per l'effettuazione del trattato, domanda il diritto di agire da sola per proteggere i suoi interessi particolari e vitali, nel caso che gli Alleati non le forniscano il loro aiuto.

Cio si appunto quello che avvenne intorno alla situazione di Ruhr, che violava, tecnicamente almeno, la clausola del trattato che la Francia considerava essenziale per il mantenimento della sua sicurezza. Gli Alleati rifiutarono d'appoggiare la Francia e questa agì da sola occupando Francoforte e quattro altre città tedesche.

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CALL IRISH STRIKE TO AID PRISONERS

Protest Against Treatment of Jailed Sinn Feiners Planned for Tomorrow

FRENCH DENIES APPEAL

By the Associated Press. Dublin, April 12.—The officials of the Irish Trades Union Congress and the Labor party today issued a call to the workers of Ireland for a general strike throughout the country tomorrow as a protest against the treatment of political prisoners.

Yesterday hundreds assembled before the prison and remained throughout the day, hoping the hunger strikers would be released. The lord mayor of Dublin visited the place, but was not permitted to see the prisoners. He told the crowd that he was helpless, as Dublin Castle had issued an order denying permission to visit prisoners to the oaths as magistrates.

Chairman Clarke, of the board of visiting justices to the Dublin prisons, sent an appeal to the viceroy, Lord French, to exercise clemency. The message declared that some of the strikers were dying and another day's delay might mean "an appalling tragedy."

A reply was received from the castle refusing any modification of the rules, on the ground that the hunger strikers had been forewarned of the consequences in accordance with a decision of the government. Justice Clarke then resigned from office.

Paris, April 12.—(By A. P.)—George Gavan Duffy, Sinn Fein member of Parliament and envoy of the Irish republic to the Peace Conference, is bringing to the official attention of the conference the treatment of the political prisoners in Dublin. His step was actuated by the following telegram which he received yesterday from Dublin:

"More than 100 republican prisoners incarcerated in Mount Joy Prison in Dublin as common criminals, many being detained on suspicion without charge, have been on a hunger strike since Sunday, April 4. They demand the observance of the agreement obtained by Bishop Macrory and the lord

mayor of Dublin whereby the English Government undertook to recognize the special status of political prisoners. "Several men are in grave danger and crowds are reciting prayers for the dying at the gates of the jail."

The telegram was signed by Kathleen Clarke, of the board of aldermen, and Madame O'Rahilly, for the republican prisoners' committee.

Bleached-Flour Inquiry Ordered. Harrisburg, April 12.—A statewide investigation has been ordered by James Foust, director of the State Bureau of Foods, of the alleged general use in the state of flour bleached by the nitrous acid and chlorine process.

Explosions Continue at German Munitions Dump; Seven Dead. Harrisburg, April 12.—(By A. P.)—Two hundred persons injured in the explosion at a munitions dump at Hohenstein, near Koenigsberg, East Prussia, yesterday, have been rescued, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Daily Mail. Explosions are continuing and rescuers are able to approach the scene only in armored cars.

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